



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 2, 2002

### **H.R. 4585**

#### **A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to extend abstinence education funding under maternal and child health program through fiscal year 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on April 24, 2002*

H.R. 4585 would authorize direct appropriations totaling \$250 million for the abstinence education program, which is administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration, through 2007. The program was established by the Welfare Reform Act of 1996, which appropriated mandatory funds of \$50 million each year from 1998 through 2002.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4585 would cost \$185 million over the 2003-2007 period (with the remainder of the \$250 million to be spent after 2007). However, CBO assumes that mandatory appropriations for this program would have continued under current law (i.e., the program is assumed in our baseline) based on the provisions in the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act for projecting direct spending for expiring programs. Therefore, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4585 would have no effect on direct spending and thus would not be subject to pay-as-you go procedures.

H.R. 4585 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. By extending the authorization of funding for abstinence education programs through 2007, grants currently available to states would continue.

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